

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to papers filed through 07/31/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-9, 11-18 and 20-23.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance of claims 1, 9, and 18:

With respect to claim 1, the prior art does not teach a pre-scan assembly for a laser scanning unit including a printhead housing and having a scanning element for scanning a light beam, and a laser light source emitting at least one light beam along a laser beam axis extending toward said scanning element, said pre-scan assembly comprising: a pre-scan lens assembly including a carrier, and a pre-scan lens supported in said carrier and defining a lens optical axis; a pre-scan mount associated with said housing and located between said light source and said scanning element; *a pair of angular alignment datum surfaces defined in said pre-scan mount and extending generally parallel to said laser beam axis; said carrier including a pair of carrier alignment surfaces located on opposing sides of said carrier; said carrier comprising a flexible central structure joining said opposing sides whereby said carrier alignment surfaces are moveable relative to one another; and said carrier alignment surfaces cooperating with said angular alignment datum surfaces, whereby said lens optical axis is generally aligned relative to said laser beam axis.*

With respect to claim 9, the prior art does not teach a pre-scan assembly for a laser scanning unit including a printhead housing and having a scanning element for scanning a light beam, and a laser light source emitting at least one light beam along a laser beam axis extending toward said

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scanning element, said pre-scan assembly comprising: a pre-scan lens assembly including a carrier, and a pre-scan lens supported in said carrier and defining a lens optical axis; a pre-scan mount associated with said housing and located between said light source and said scanning element; a pair of angular alignment datum surfaces defined in said pre-scan mount and extending generally parallel to said laser beam axis; said carrier including a pair of carrier alignment surfaces cooperating with said angular alignment datum surfaces, whereby said lens optical axis is generally aligned relative to said laser beam axis; and *wherein said pre-scan mount includes a support surface associated with each of said angular alignment datum surfaces and said carrier includes opposing sides, as least a portion of said carrier sides defining said carrier alignment surfaces, and a wing member extending from each said carrier side transverse to said alignment surfaces, each said wing member engaged on one of support surfaces.*

With respect to claim 18, the prior art does not teach in a laser scanning unit comprising a scanning element for scanning a light beam, a laser light source emitting at least one light beam along a laser beam axis and a collimation assembly for receiving and substantially collimating said light beam, a pre-scan assembly comprising: a pre-scan lens assembly including a carrier, and a pre-scan lens supported in said carrier and defining a lens optical axis; a pre-scan mount located adjacent said collimation assembly; a pair of angular alignment datum surfaces defined in said pre-scan mount and extending generally parallel to said laser beam axis; said carrier including a pair of carrier alignment surfaces cooperating with said angular alignment datum surfaces, whereby said lens optical axis is generally aligned in a scanning direction; and *wherein said pre-scan mount includes a support surface associated with each of said angular alignment*

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datum surfaces and said carrier includes opposing sides, as least a portion of said carrier sides defining said carrier alignment surfaces, and a wing member extending from each said carrier side transverse to said alignment surfaces, each said wing member engaged on one of support surfaces.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Contact Information


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Carlos A. Martinez whose telephone number is (571) 272-8349. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 am - 5:00 pm (M-F).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, STEPHEN D. MEIER can be reached on (571)272-2149. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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